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MINERALS PROGRAM
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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Specialist *HHS*

RE: Site Inspection, Eagle Canyon Mine, Georgia-Pacific, M/015/050, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: November 8, 1990

Time of Inspection: 11:00 - 1:00

Attendees: Bob Shajary, Georgia-Pacific; Neil Simmons, BLM; Holland Shepherd, DOGM.

This inspection was conducted to discuss concerns on site, with the operator, related to the continued development of this site. Georgia Pacific currently holds an SMO/NOI on this site. Plans are being made to develop this site further, such that an LMO/NOI or Plan of Operations will be needed.

The operator has submitted a Plan already, which I have designated deficient until the operator is able to supply us with more specific information about the site in terms of the operational and reclamation plan design.

The BLM is concerned about hydrologic impacts from the site and impacts on the cryptogamic soils found on site. A large gullied drainage, running north and south, is located directly west of the present excavation. The concern is with loose material blocking the drainage and contributing to sediment loading during large rainstorm events.

The BLM has asked the operator to salvage cryptogamic soils by scraping the first 1 - 2 inches of soil before mining an area. The material will be stored and segregated from other topsoil salvage material, and later reapplied during reclamation.

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Mr. Shajary described a method of contemporaneous reclamation he plans to use as mining progresses. The method involves the removal, then redeposition of overburden materials, much like a strip mining operation used by contemporary coal miners. This method will be described in the operator's plan.

We asked that the operator construct several sediment retaining structures in the drainage, found on the west edge of the current disturbance. The structures would be constructed to contain runoff from average rainstorm events, and constructed with spillways to accommodate larger events.

The operator plans to extend the mine south, keeping to the east of the present drainage. Mr. Shajary indicated that no plans were yet in the works to extend the mine through the drainage, which would require more extensive sediment control structures than what are already planned.

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cc: Bob Shajary, Georgia Pacific
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